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Remarkable Prophecies!

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OF
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From the Writings of Eminent Men

Of the last and present Century,

By SHIRLEY WOOLMER;

WHEREIN SOME

EXTRAORDINARY and SINGULAR EVENTS
ARE FORETOLD,

Which at this present Time appear to be evidently

FULFILLING IN THE WORLD,

AND ARE STRIKINGLY SET FORTH BY

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Dr. GOODWIN,

Mr. JURIEU,

BISHOP NEWTON,

Dr. GILL,

Sir ISAAC NEWTON, Lord CHESTERFIELD, &c.

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The following PIECE was sent some little TIME since from PARIS to a GENTLEMAN in LONDON :

' THE under lines were engraven on a flag stone, two yards square, in Hebrew characters, very elegantly in-laid with gold ; it is supposed to have lain near six hundred years under an old wall, taken down by the order of the late King of France, to be re-built. On removing the rubbish from the foundation, this stone was discovered.'

" In 1790, there will be a rebellion against the French King.

" 1791, There will be war amongst many of the European powers, against France.

" 1792, More of the European powers engaged in war.

" 1793, The war increases throughout all Europe.

" 1794, There will be little or no form of religion in France.

" 1795, There will be a destructive division amongst the powers of Europe.

" 1796, There will be much slaughter, and great blood shed, both by sea and land.

" 1797, There will appear a Gog and Magog that will make war against all nations of the world.

" 1798, There will be a great destruction that will thin the inhabitants of the earth.

" 1799, There will come a descendant of David, who will perform such acts of grace, derived from Almighty God. as will destroy Gog and Magog, and cause in

" 1800, The remnants of all nations to be of one religion, and no more wars amongst men, who will for ever after be in bonds of friendship, and unfeigned love towards God, and one another."

*Note---*By Gog and Magog, is apprehended the secret enemy of evangelical liberty or genuine religion.

To the READER.

THE genuine Works from whence the following SINGULAR PIECES have been extracted, are some of them become so scarce, that they are seldom offered for Sale.

The DISCOURSE of Mr. ROBERT FLEMING, has lately been considered by many Literary Persons as a Curiosity, and has been celebrated in the public Newspapers, as a very EXTRAORDINARY PRODUCTION. The Editor possesses an Original Copy of this Book, from which the subsequent Pages are printed, and being written near One Hundred Years ago, renders it worthy Admiration; in several of the other Extracts many peculiar Remarks may likewise be perceived, relative to the present critical Period, and it is presumed are deserving Notice.

S. W.

EXETER, Jan. 20,
1794.

It is somewhat singular, that the Motto used by the Pope on his Standard is VICARIUS FILII DEI: (Vicar of the Son of God) the Roman Numerals of which (as under) amount to DCLXVI or 666, and Louis or Ludovicus, as after recited, making exactly the same number, surprisingly corresponds with the text of Rev. xiii. 18, *Count the number of the beast, for, it is the number of a man, and his number is Six Hundred Three Score and Six.*

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Many persons have attempted to prove that PIUS the VI. the present Pope, will be the last, which certainly is a very doubtful conjecture; there is, however, a striking *Omen* hanging over his head, which is, that all the Niches in the grand Mausoleum where the Pontiffs are buried, are completely filled up, *except one.*

REMARKABLE PROPHECIES

FROM THE
WRITINGS OF VARIOUS EMINENT MEN.

DR. GILL, 1748.

“ Rev. XI, 13. *And the same hour was there a great earthquake [or same day], and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand.*

“ THE meaning is, that in the commotions, massacres, tumults, and wars which will be throughout the empire, such a number of men will be slain; which is either put for a greater number, a certain for an uncertain (as in Rom. xi. 4. and perhaps in reference to an account there), otherwise seven thousand is but a small number to be slain in battle; or as it is in the original text, “*the NAMES of MEN 7000.*” Now it is observed by some, that the smallest name of number belonging to men is a centurion, or captain of an hundred men; and supposing that to be meant, then seven thousand names of men will imply that in an hour, or a fortnight’s time, may be slain throughout all Europe in battles and massacres about 700,000 men, which is a very large number: *or names of men* may signify *men of name*, of great renown (as in Numbers xvi. 2.) and then if seven thousand men of name, officers in armies should be slain, how great must be the number of common soldiers? Some thought that *ecclesiastical dignities*, or men distinguished by *names and titles*, such as cardinals, archbishops, bishops, priests, and the whole rabble of the Antichristian

REV. ROBERT FLEMING, *written 1700.*

“ The 4th vial comes now to be considered. And as this is poured out upon the sun of the Papal kingdom, v. 8. so the effect of it is mens’ being scorched or burned with fire, which yet does not make them to turn to God, but blaspheme his name the more, as we may see, v. 9. Now as this vial must begin where the other ends, viz. at or a little after the year 1648 ; so I cannot see but it must denote the wars that followed the peace of Munster, with other incidental occurrences. Now we find that the French hostilities and wars in Flanders began about this time. And though this fire seemed to be quenched by Pyrenean peace, about ten years after that of Munster: yet this proved rather fuel to the flame, which broke out with more violence than before, by the seizure of Lorraine, the new conquests of the *French* in Burgundy and Flanders, and the wars upon Germany, and invasion on the Low Countries. To which we may add the *French King’s* quarrels with several *Popes*, about the restitution of Castro, the rights of the Duke of Modena, the affair of Corsi, and about the regale and the franchises. Now seeing the bombarding of towns and cities was chiefly made use of in these latter wars, we may now see how properly the scorching and burning men from above (as if the sun had sent down fire and heat from his own body) is made use of to characterise the time of this vial. But the chief thing to be taken notice of here, is, that the sun and other luminaries of heaven, are the emblem of Princes and kingdoms, as we took notice before. Therefore the pouring out of this vial on the sun must denote the humiliation of some eminent potentates of the *Romish* interest, whose influences and countenance cherish and support the Papal cause. And these therefore must be principally understood of the houses of *Austria* and *Bourbon*, though not exclusively of other Popish Princes. Now it is not unusual with God to make his enemies crush and weaken one another, And thus I suppose this vial is to be understood, when it is said, that upon the pouring of it out on the *Sun*, power was given to him, i. e. the *Sun* (as most understand the words from the connexion), to scorch men
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with fire And this is plain in what of the vial is fulfilled, and will be perhaps more so afterwards. As therefore *France* was made use of, in the instances given, to vex and scorch the Austrian family, in both branches of it; so afterwards was he himself tormented, when he saw himself forced to leave Holland, which he was so near surprising, An. 1672, and especially when he was forced to resign all his conquests in Flanders, by the late peace of *Reyswick*. It is true, he seems now to have got more glory than ever, by the accession of his grandson to the Spanish monarchy: but then this is by an eclipse upon the Austrian family, which is expired in the first branch of it. And who knows but this advancement may lay the foundation of the ruin or decay of the French power, by exhausting that kingdom, both as to men and money, in defence of a weak monarchy? In the mean time, we see this vial has already taken place, in darkening the glory of King James (whom the Papists expected new conquests from) by the hand of King William; by whom also God put a stop to the career of the French monarch in his conquests in Flanders, and on the Rhine. And we see it further poured out, in the eclipse of the Austrian family, by the loss of Spain and its dependant principalities, as also in defeating the wicked designs of the three confederate monarchs, of Poland, Denmark, and Russia.

“ And now, seeing I have marked out the time we are in at present, it is time also to put a stop to our Apocalyptical thoughts: seeing no man can pretend, upon any just ground, to calculate future times. However, seeing I have come so far, I shall adventure to present you further with some conjectural thoughts on this head; for I am far from the presumption of some men, to give them any higher character.

“ Now my conjectures shall relate to two things, viz. to the remaining part of this vial, and to the other vials that follow this:

“ And, 1. as to the remaining part of this vial, I do humbly suppose that it will come to the highest pitch about

about An. 1717, and that it will run out about the year 1794. The reasons for the first conjecture are two. The first is, because I find that the Papal kingdom got a considerable accession to its power, upon the Roman Western Empire's being destroyed, An. 475, to which the Heruli succeeded the year following, and the Ostro-Goths afterward. Now if from this remarkable year we begin the calculation of the 1260 years, they lead us down to A. C. 1735, which in prophetical account is this very year 1717. The 2d is, because (as I have many years ago observed) this year leads us down to a new centenary revolution; For is it not observable that *John Huss* and *Jerome* of Prague, (to run this up no further) were burned An. 1417? After which the true religion in Bohemia, and other places, was more and more obscured and suppressed, until that famous year 1517, when *Luther* arose, and gave the reformation a new resurrection; according to that remarkable prediction of *Jerome* of Prague, *centum annis reolutis Deo respondebitis & mihi*; which the Bohemians afterward stamped upon their coin as their motto. From which year the reformed interest did still increase (whatever particular stops and troubles it met with) till the year 1617; about which time the German and Bohemian wars began to break out. And it is but too obvious, what an ebb hath followed since that time to this, notwithstanding the pouring out of the second, third, and fourth vials. So that there is ground to hope, that about the beginning of another such century, things may again alter for the better: For I cannot but hope that some new mortification of the chief supporters of *Antichrist* will then happen; and perhaps the *French monarchy* may begin to be considerably humbled about that time: that whereas the present FRENCH KING takes the SUN for his emblem, and this for his motto, *Nec pluribus impar*, he may at length, or rather his successors, and the monarchy itself (at least before the year 1794) be forced to acknowledge, that (in respect to neighbouring potentates) he is even SINGULIS IMPAR.

“ But as to the expiration of this vial, I do fear it will not be until the year 1794. The reason of which

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conjecture is this: that I find the Pope got a new foundation of exaltation, when Justinian, upon his conquest of Italy, left it in a great measure to the Pope's management, being willing to eclipse his own authority, to advance that of this haughty prelate. Now this being in the year 552; this, by the addition of the 1260 years, reaches down to the year 1811; which, according to prophetic account, is the year 1794. And then I do suppose the *fourth* vial will end, and the *fifth* commence, by a new mortification of the Papacy, after this vial has lasted 148 years; which indeed is long, in comparison with the former vials: but if it be considered in relation to the fourth, fifth, and sixth trumpets, it is but short, seeing the fourth lasted 190 years, the fifth 302, and the sixth 393.

“ The 5th vial, ver. 10, 11, which is to *be poured out on the seat of the beast*, or the dominions that more immediately belong to, and depend upon the *Roman See*; that, I say, this judgment will probably begin about the year 1794, and expire about A. C. 1848. So that the duration of it upon this supposition, will be for the space of 54 years. For I do suppose, that seeing the Pope received the title of supreme bishop, no sooner than An. 606, he cannot be supposed to have any vial poured upon his seat immediately (so as to ruin his authority so signally as this judgment must be supposed to do) until the year 1848, which is the date of the 1260 years in prophetic account, when they are reckoned from An. 606. But yet we are not to imagine that this vial will totally destroy the Papacy (though it will exceedingly weaken it) for we find this still in being and alive, when the next vial is poured out.

“ The 6th vial, ver. 12, &c. will be poured out upon the Mahometan Antichrist, as the former on the Papacy. And seeing the sixth trumpet brought the Turks from beyond Euphrates, from crossing which river they date their rise: The sixth vial dries up their waves, and exhausts their power, as the means and way to *prepare and dispose the Eastern Kings and kingdoms to renounce their*
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Heathenish and Mahometan errors, in order to their receiving and embracing Christianity. For I think this is the native import of the text, and not that the Jews are to be understood under this denomination of *the Kings of the East*; which is such an odd straining of it to serve a turn, as I cannot admit of. Now seeing this vial is to destroy the Turks, we hear of three unclean spirits like frogs or toads, that were sent out by Satan, and the remains of the polity and church of Rome, called the beast and the false prophet, in order to insinuate upon the *Eastern nations*, upon their deserting Mahometism, to fall in with their idolatrous and spurious Christianity, rather than with the true reformed doctrine. And these messengers shall be so successful, as to draw these Eastern Kings and their subjects, and with them the greatest part of mankind, to take part with them. So that by the assistance of these their agents and missionaries they shall engage the whole world, in some manner, to join with them in rooting out the Saints. (And here in a parenthesis Christ gives a watchword to his servants to be upon their guard in this hour of trial, ver. 15.) But when the Pope has got himself at the head of this vast army, and has brought them to the place of battle, called Armageddon, (*i. e.* the place where there will be a most diabolical cunning, and powerful conspiracy against Christ's followers) then immediately doth the seventh Angel pour out his vial, to their ruin and destruction.

“ The 7th vial, therefore, being *poured out on the air*, ver. 17, brings down thunder, lightning, hail, and storms; which together with a terrible earthquake destroys all the *Antichristian nations*, and particularly Rome, or mystical Babylon. And as Christ concluded his sufferings on the cross with this voice, *It is finished*; so the churches' sufferings are concluded with a voice out of the temple of heaven, and from the throne of God and Christ there, saying, *It is done*. And therefore with this, doth the blessed millennium of Christ's spiritual reign on earth begin.

“ Now seeing these two vials are, as it were, one continued, the first running into the second, and the second completing the first: the one giving us an account of the beast's preparations for warring against the saints, and the other shewing the event of the whole: There is no need to give you any conjectures about the conclusion of the 6th vial. or the beginning of the last; only you may observe, that the first of these will probably take up most of the time between the year 1848, and the year 2000: because such long messages and intrigues (besides the time spent before in destroying the Turkish empire) and preparations for so universal a war, must needs take up a great many years: whereas our blessed Lord seems to tell us, that the destruction of all those his enemies will be accomplished speedily, and in a little time, in comparison of the other vial. Supposing then that the Turkish monarchy should be totally destroyed between 1848, and 1900, we may justly assign 70 or 80 years longer to the end of the 6th seal, and but 20 or 30 at most to the last. Now how great and remarkable this last destruction of the Papal Antichrist will be, we may guess by that representation of it, ch. xiv. 19, 20, where it is set forth under the *emblem and character of the great wine-press of the wrath of God* (which can refer to nothing properly but the event of the 7th vial, as I might shew at large had I time.) Now this *wine-press is said to be trodden without the city* (viz. of Jerusalem or the church, seeing this is called the city, in scripture stile, as Rome is called the great city), in Armageddon, Rev. xvi. 16, which may bear allusion to *the Valley of Decision*; Joel iii. 2, 12, 14. However the greatness of this slaughter appears in this, that the blood is represented to flow in such a current as to reach even to the horse bridles, viz. of the servants of God, employed in this execution: for without doubt this relates to what we have, chap. xix. 14, which I beseech you to compare with this place. For ye will find that *a large account is given of the fall of Babylon*, chap. xviii. and *of the triumph of the church upon her final victory over this enemy*, chap. xix. 1, &c. And among other things spoken of relating to the battle and victory obtained at Armageddon, ye have this account of the General and his victorious army

army, v. 11, &c. *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse, and he that sat on him was called Faithful and True,---and he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood, and his name is called the Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses.----- And he treaded the wine-press of the fierceness and wrath of God.---And I saw the beasts and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to fight with him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beasts and the false prophet were taken,---and both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.* And now to return to the representation of this slaughter, by the wine-press of blood, chap. 14, 20, it is further said of it, that it *flowed to the height of the horse bridles, for the space or extent of 1600 Furlongs.* So that Armageddon seems to be denoted here in the extent of it, as the field of battle, which is now turned into a field of blood. Now what place can we imagine to be so properly meant by this as the territory of the see of Rome, in Italy, which (as Mr. Joseph Mede, who first made this observation, says) from the city of Rome to the furthest mouth of the river Po and the marshes of Verona, is extended the space of 200 Italian miles, that is exactly 1600 furlongs; the Italian mile consisting of 8 furlongs. Now the Hebrew word Armageddon or Harmagaddon signifies both a malediction or anathema, and a destruction or a slaughter, and more fully signifies an army or their army: So that both the anathemas darted against the saints by the Romanists, and their armies made use of against them (all which proceeded from Rome Papal) may be here alluded to, in the expiration of both their ecclesiastical and temporal interest. So that this conjecture upon the name does confirm that other of Mr. Mede, that the *Stata Della Chiesa*, or the territory and possession of Italy belonging to the See of Rome, is the place called Armageddon, where the final destruction of Antichristianism will be.

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“ But thirdly, seeing I have touched but slightly upon the millennium, or the thousand years reign of the Saints on earth ; I shall desire you to think a little further on this, as the greatest event that is to happen before the end of the world.

“ I dare not indeed expatiate upon this vast subject : only I shall suggest a few things concerning it. The first is, that this is to begin immediately after the total and final destruction of Rome Papal, in or about the year 2000 : and that therefore Christ himself will have the honour of destroying that formidable enemy, by a new and remarkable appearance of himself.

“ But 2dly, we must not imagine that this appearance of Christ will be a personal one, no more than his appearance in the destruction of the Jews by Vespasian and Titus was such : *For the heavens must retain him, until the great and last day of the consummation or restitution of all things.* Thirdly, Yet we must have a care of confounding this millenary peaceful state of the church, with the day of judgment : Seeing nothing is more plainly distinguished, than these are in the 20th chapter of the Revelation ; where it is told us, *That after the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be again let loose, and men shall apostatize almost universally from Christ, and make war against the saints ;* and that after the destruction of those enemies, the day of judgment shall commence. And therefore, fourthly, we are not to imagine that the millenary reign of the Saints shall be free from all mixture of hypocrisy and wicked men, or from sin and trouble : Seeing the sudden and general apostacy that follows that period is a demonstration, that all were not Israel that feigned themselves to be of it, and wanted therefore only an opportunity to shake off the church’s yoke. Nay, the expiration of that period shews, that long peace and prosperity must have corrupted the church itself ; else it cannot be conceived to be consistent with the equity and goodness of God to suffer her enemies to go so near to the total extirpation of his own professing people.”

DR. NEWTON, BISHOP OF BRISTOL, 1760.

Rev. xvii. 16 “ *The ten horns shall hate the whore ;*” that is by a common figure of the whole for a part, some of the ten kings for others, xviii. 19. shall bewail and lament for her, &c. xix. 19. shall fight and perish in the cause of the beast. Some of the kings who formerly loved her, grown sensible of her exorbitant exactions and oppressions, shall hate her ----- and as the kings of FRANCE have contributed greatly to her advancement, it is not impossible nor improbable, that some time or other they may also be the *principal authors* of her destruction.”

PETER JURIEU, 1687.

“ Mark that the great earthquake, *i. e.* the great alteration of affairs in the land of Papacy, must for that time happen only in the tenth part of the city that shall fall.

“ Now what is this tenth part of the city, which shall fall? In my opinion we cannot doubt that 'tis FRANCE. This kingdom is the most considerable part or piece of the ten horns or states which once made up the great Babylonian city. This tenth part of the city shall fall, with respect to the Papacy: it shall break with Rome, and the Roman religion. One thing is certain, that the Babylonian empire shall perish through the refusal of obedience by the ten kings, who had given their power to the beast. The thing is already come to pass in part. The kingdoms of Sweden, Denmark, England, and several sovereign states in Germany, have withdrawn themselves from the jurisdiction of the Pope.

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“ But who must begin this last revolt? It is most probable that France shall. Not Spain, which as yet is plunged in superstition, and is as much under the tyranny of the clergy as ever. Not the Emperor, who in temporals is subject to the Pope, and permits that in his states the Archbishop of Strigonium should teach, that the Pope can take away the Imperial crown from him. It cannot be any country but France, which a long time ago hath begun to *shake off the yoke of Rome*.

“ These great events deserve to be distinguished from all others; for they have changed, or shall change, *the whole face of the world*.

“ 'Tis clear, that these kings, who through ignorance or weakness suffered their power to be usurped by the empire of the Papacy, shall take it again *shall eat her flesh, i. e. shall enrich themselves with her benefices and revenues, and burn her with fire, i. e. shall abolish the memory of this Roman empire, so that nothing but ashes shall remain of it*.

“ The first thing which shall be done in the third period of the seventh vial, is the fall of the tenth part of the city, *i. e. of the kingdom of France, which shall break with the court of Rome, and wholly change the face of religion in that kingdom; this is the first action of the vintage*.

“ The beast and the false prophet, the Pope and his agents shall rally all their forces; but God shall muster all his together, and give the last blow to Popery; then the beasts and the false prophets shall be thrown into the lake and plunged into the bottomless pit: Babylon shall wholly fall; and it shall be said, *she is fallen, she is fallen*.”

DR. THOMAS GOODWIN, 1639,

Says, " By the tenth part of the city I understand a tenth of Europe ;" by the earthquake a great concussion, or shaking of states, politic, or ecclesiastical. By this earthquake's falling thus out in a tenth part of the city, this tenth part of it is so shaken that it falls: that is, ceaseth to be a tenth part of the city, as belong to its jurisdiction any longer. The effect of this earthquake, and the fall of this tenth part of the city, is killing seven thousand of the names of men. Now, by men of name, in scripture is meant men of title, office, and dignity.--- [As in the case of Corah's conspiracy] so here a civil punishment will fall upon these: for having killed these witnesses, themselves are to be killed (haply) by being *berest of their names and titles*, which are to be rooted out for ever, and condemned to perpetual forgetfulness.

" Now which of these ten kingdoms [may be intended.] The saints and churches of *France*, God has made a wonder unto me in all proceedings towards them, first and last; and there would seem some great and special honour reserved for them, yet at the last; for it is certain, that the first light of the gospel by that first and second angel's preaching in chapter xiv: (which laid the foundation of Antichrist's ruin) was out from among them, namely, those of Lyons, and other places in France.--- And they bore and underwent the great heat of that morning of persecution, which was as great, if not greater than any; and so, as that kingdom (France) had the first great stroke, so now it shall have the honour of having the last great stroke in the ruin of Rome."

JOHN LACY (*from the Prophetical Warnings*), 1707.

“ Come, Monsieur, Monsieur, Monsieur, Lewis the blasphemer ; I come to speak to you, O great King. Who art thou, poltroon ? Who art thou, that thou hast boasted thyself after so haughty a manner against me, and against my dear children ? And those poor children, whom thou thinkest to have destroyed in thy kingdom, shall rise up with great splendor at my appointment. Wretched ! thy subjects shall condemn thee ; yes, I will expose thee ; I will make thee appear a weak worm. Thou art not worthy to walk as a man with thy face erect to heaven, against which thou hast fought. Thou shalt be cast down, thou wretch : for I am the King of kings, and not thou. The devils shall torment thee before thou diest. I will give him commission to torment thee, in thy conscience, with such horror, that all thy courtiers shall see it. I will glorify myself upon thee. I will destroy those images which thou hast set up of thyself, and thy statues ! Thy miserable courtiers who adore *thee* more than they do *me* ! All the *Court of France*, I will make them feel their abomination in that kind.

“ I can bear with it no longer ; yes, that *Versailles* which thou hast made for the glory of thy name, I will throw it to the ground, and all your insolent inscriptions, figures, abominable pictures ; and Paris, Paris, that imperial city, I will afflict it dreadfully. Yes, I will afflict the *royal family*. I will avenge the iniquities of the king upon his grandchildren. Yes, yes, I will visit thee O Lyons. - Yes, yes, and after I have scourged thee, there shall be great glory to thee, O Lyons. And thou, Thou-louse, I will reduce thee to ashes ; yes, yes, thou that art a detestable city, a city of murderers. And as for thee, Bourdeaux, I will be favourable to thee ; nevertheless, I must chastise thee also ; but thou shalt be distinguished.

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“ Come on, come on, I have taken the field, and I am more dreadful : I will make thee know it is not the Duke of Marlborough ; 'tis not Prince Eugene who is to make thee tremble ; 'tis I myself, from above, O thou tyrant. Thou wilt think hell is more favourable to thee than thy own palace will be to thee. Lewis, Lewis the great ! there shall remain none of his insolent inscriptions in France ; for thou art unworthy.

“ Thus shall England be less visited with my judgments than France.”

WILLIAM WHISTON, 1744.

“ Sir Isaac Newton had a very sagacious conjecture, which he told Dr. Clarke, from whom I received it, that the overbearing tyranny and persecuting power of the Antichristian party, which hath so long corrupted Christianity, and enslaved the Christian world, must be put a stop to, and broken to pieces by the prevalence of *infidelity*, for some time, before primitive Christianity could be restored ; which seems to be the very means that is now working in Europe, for the same good and great end of Providence. Possibly he might think that our Saviour's own words implied it : *When the Son of Man cometh shall he find faith on the earth ?* Luke xviii. 8. See Constitut. Apost. vi. 18, vii. 32, or possibly he might think no other way so likely to do it in human affairs.

ARCHBISHOP USHER, 1655.

“ The greatest stroke upon the reformed churches is yet to come ;---and the time of the utter ruin of the see of Rome shall be when she thinks herself most secure.

One presumed to inquire of him, what his present apprehensions were concerning a very great persecution? He answered, "that a sad persecution would fall upon all the Protestant churches in Europe,---Adding, I tell you, all you have yet seen hath been but the beginning of sorrows, to what is yet to come upon the Protestant churches of Christ, who will, ere long, fall under a sharper persecution than ever: therefore, said he, look you be not found in the outward court, but a worshipper in the temple before the altar: for Christ will measure all those that profess his name, and call themselves his people; and the outward worshippers he will leave out to be trodden down by the Gentiles. The outward court is the formal Christians, whose religion lies in performing the outward duties of Christianity, without having an inward life and power of faith uniting them to Christ, and these God will leave to be trodden down, and swept away by the Gentiles: but the worshippers within the temple, and before the altar, God will hide in the hollow of his hand, and under the shadow of his wings. And this shall be one great difference between this last, and all the other preceding persecutions: for in the former the most eminent and spiritual ministers and christians did generally suffer most, and were most violently fallen upon: but in this last persecution these shall be preserved by God, as a seed to partake of that glory which shall immediately follow, and come upon the church, as soon as ever this storm shall be over; for as it shall be the sharpest, so it shall be the shortest persecution of them all: and shall only take away the gross hypocrites and formal professors, but the true spiritual believers shall be preserved till the calamity be over."

CHRISTOPHER LOVE, 1651.

"Great earthquakes and commotions by sea and land shall come in the year of God 1779: great wars in Germany

many and America in 1780? the destruction of popery, or Babylon's fall, in the year 1790: God will be known by many in the year 1795. This will produce a great man; the stars will wander and the moon turn as blood, in 1800: Africa, Asia, and America will tremble in 1803; a great earthquake over all the world, in 1805; God will be universally known by all. Then a general reformation, and peace for ever, when the people shall learn war no more."

ARCHBISHOP BROWN, 1551.

"There is a new fraternity of late sprung up, who call themselves Jesuits, which will deceive many, who are much after the Scribes and Pharisees manner: among the Jews, they shall strive to abolish the truth, and shall come very near to do it; for these sorts will turn themselves into several forms, with the heathen, an heathenist, with atheists, an atheist, with Jews, a Jew, and with the reformers, a reformed, purposely to know your intentions, your minds, your hearts, and your inclinations, and thereby bring you at last to be like the *fool that said in his heart there is no God*. These shall spread over the whole world, shall be admitted into the councils of Princes, and they never the wiser; charming of them: yea making your Princes reveal their hearts, and the secrets therein unto them, and yet they not perceive it; which will happen from falling from the law of God, and by winking at their sins: yet in the end, God, to justify his law, shall suddenly cut off this society, even by the hands of those who have most succoured them, and made use of them! so that at the end they shall come odious to all nations: they shall be worse than Jews, having no resting place upon earth."

REV JOHN KNOX, 1572.

“ Sentence is pronounced in Scotland against that murderer, the *King of France*, and God’s vengeance shall never depart from him, nor his house, but his name shall remain an execration to posterity; and none that shall come of his loins, shall enjoy that kingdom in peace and quietness, unless repentance prevent God’s judgment.” The French Ambassador, being told of the prediction, applied to the Regent and Council for an interdiction, but was refused. See his life.

MR. JOHN WILLISON, 1742.

“ Before Antichrist’s fall, one of the ten kingdoms which supported the beast shall undergo a marvellous Revolution, Rev. xi. 13. *The same hour there was a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell.* By which tenth part, is to be understood one of the ten kingdoms into which the great city Romish Babylon was divided: this many take to be the kingdom of *France*, it being the tenth and last of the kingdoms as to the time of its rise, and that which gave to Rome the denomination of a beast with ten horns, and also it being the only one of the ten that was never conquered since its rise. However unlikely this and other prophesied events may appear at the time, yet the Almighty hand of the only wise God can soon bring them about when least expected.”

DR. H. MORE, 1663.

“ On the MYSTERY of INIQUITY contained in the kingdom of Antichrist.

“ An earthquake signifies political commotions and change of affairs, is obvious to any one to note; and that whore of Babylon is nothing but the body of the idolatrous clergy in the empire, who appertain to the seventh or last head of the beast, which is an head of blasphemy, as well as the six first, that is to say, an idolatrous head. Whence we may understand what is meant by these seven thousand names of men; for neither seven nor thousand signifies any determinate number, but only the nature or property of these names of men that are said to be slain, namely, that they are TITLES, DIGNITIES, OFFICES or orders of men belonging to the state of Christendom.”

DR. JOHN OWEN, 1649.

“ *The Lord Jesus Christ, by his mighty power in these latter days, as Antichristian tyranny draws to its period, will so far SHAKE and TRANSLATE the POLITICAL HEIGHTS, GOVERNMENTS, and STRENGTH of the NATIONS, as shall serve for the full bringing in of his own peaceable kingdom! The nations so shaken, becoming thereby a quiet habitation for the people of the Most High.*

“ Though the doctrine be clear from the text, yet it shall receive further scriptural confirmation, being of great weight and concernment.

Dan. ii. 44. *And in the days of THESE KINGS, shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be*

be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces, and consume all those kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

“ That this is affirmed of the kingdom of Christ under the gospel, none ever doubted.

“ Three things are here remarkably intimated of it :
 1. The *time* wherein it shall most eminently be established : and that is in the days of these kings, of which Daniel was speaking. 2. The efficacy of it being set up, *it shall break in pieces all these kingdoms.* 3. Its own stability, *it shall never be destroyed.*

“ For the first, there is great debate, about the principal season of the accomplishing of this prediction; much hesitation who those kings are; in whose days the kingdom of Christ is eminently to be established. In the days when the two legs of the *Roman* empire shall be divided into ten kingdoms, and those kingdoms have opposed themselves to the power of Christ, that is in the days wherein we live, say some. Yea, most of the ancients took this for the *Roman* empire; and to these, the bringing in of the kingdom of Christ, is the establishment of it in these days: Others understand the Syrian and Egyptian branches of the Grecian monarchy, and the bringing in of Christ's kingdom, to be in his birth, death, and preaching of the gospel, wherein certainly the foundations of it were laid; I will not contend with any mortal hereabouts: Only I shall oppose one or two things to this latter interpretation: As, 1. The kingdom of Syria was totally destroyed, and reduced into a Roman province sixty years before the nativity of Christ, and the Egyptian thirty: So that it is impossible that the kingdom of Christ by his birth, should be set up in their days. 2. It is ascribed to the efficacy of this kingdom that being established, it shall break in pieces all those kingdoms; which how it can be, when at the first setting of it up, they had neither place nor name, nor scarce remembrance.

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“ So that it must needs be the declining, divided *Roman* empire, shared amongst sundry nations, that is here intimated; and so consequently the kingdom of Christ to be established, is that glorious administration thereof which in these days, their days, he will bring in.

“ Be it so, or otherwise, this from hence cannot be denied, that the kingdom of Christ will assuredly shake and translate all opposing dominions, until itself be established in and over them all. The ten-partite empire of the west, must give place to the stone cut out of the mountain without hands.

Dan. vii. 27. “ *The kingdom, and dominion, and greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.* Hitherto is the end of the matter.

“ It is clearly evident, from these and other places in that prophecy, that he who is the only potentate will sooner or later shake all the monarchies of the earth, where he will have his name known, that all nations may be suited to the interest of his kingdom, which alone is to endure.

Ver. 9. “ *And the kings of the earth* (being some of them shaken out of their dominion, for refusing to close with the Lamb) *who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her* (learning and practising false worship of her institution), *shall bewail her, and lament for her* (as having received succour from her, her monasteries and shavelings, in their distress, whereunto indeed they were brought for her sake) *when they shall see the smoke of her burning,* (beholding her darkness, stink, and confusion, in her final desolation.)

“ Now, all this shall be transacted with so much *obscurity and darkness*, Christ not openly appearing unto carnal eyes, that though *many shall be purified and made white, yet the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the*

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wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand, Dan. xii 10. There shall be no such demonstration of the presence of Christ, openly to the eyes of hardened men: but at length having suffered the poor deceived wretches to drink of the cup prepared for them, he appears himself gloriously, chap. xix. 13, in a more eminent manner than ever before, to the total destruction of the residue of opposers. And that this will be the utmost close of that dispensation wherein now he walketh, I no way doubt."

The assertion being cleared and proved, the reasons of it come next to be considered: and the first is, that

Reas. I.] It shall be done by the way of recompence and vengeance. It is the great day of the wrath of the Lamb, Rev. vi. 17. The land shall be SOAKED WITH BLOOD, and the dust made fat with fatness, for it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompence for the controversy of Zion, Isa. xxxiv. 7, 8. The day of vengeance is in his heart, when the year of his redeemed is come, Is. lxiii. 4.

"The kings of the earth have given their power to Antichrist, endeavouring to the utmost to keep the kingdom of Christ out of the world. What I pray, hath been their main business for seven hundred years and upwards, even almost ever since the man of sin was enthroned? have they earned the titles eldest son of the church; or the Catholic and most Christian king; defender of the faith, and the like? hath it not been by the blood of saints? Is there not, in every one of these kingdoms, the slain, and the banished ones of Christ to answer for? In particular,

"Hath not the blood of the saints of Jesus y'clep'd by Antichrist and his adherents, Wickliffs and Lollards, cried from the ground of vengeance upon the English heaven and earth for a long season? did not their bodies lie in the streets of France under the names of Waldenses, Albigenes, and poor men of Lyons? Hath not
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Germany and the annexed territories, her Huffle, and Huffle, Hierom and Subutraguians to answer for? Is not Spain's inquisition enough to ruin a world, much more a kingdom? Have not all these, and all the kingdoms round about washed their hands and garments in the blood of thousands of protestants? And do not the kings of all these nations as yet stand up in the room of their progenitors, with the same implacable enmity to the power of the gospel? Shew me seven kings that ever yet laboured sincerely to enhance the kingdom of the Lord Jesus, and I dare boldly say, *Octavus quis fuerit nondum constat.* And is there not a cry for all this, *How long, Lord, holy and true, dost thou not avenge our blood on them that live on the earth?* Rev. vi. 10. Doth not Sion cry, *The violence done to me and my flesh be upon Babylon, and my blood upon those heavens of the nations?* And will not the Lord avenge his elect that cry unto him day and night? Will he not do it speedily, will he not call the FOWLS OF HEAVEN to eat the flesh of KINGS and CAPTAINS and great men of the earth? Rev. xix. 18. Will he not make these heavens like the wood of the vine, not a pin to be taken off them to hang a garment on, in his whole tabernacle?

“ The time shall come wherein the earth shall disclose her slain, and not the simple Heretick, as they were counted, shall have his blood unrevenged: neither shall any atonement be made for his blood, or expiation be allowed, whilst a toe of the image, or a bone in the beast, is left unbroken.

Reas. 2.] That by his own wisdom he may frame such a power as may best conduce to the carrying on of his own kingdom among the sons of men.

The Lord encourageth us to make enquiry after these things; to find out the seasons wherein he will do any great work for his people, knowing that without this, we shall be altogether useless in the generation wherein we live.

Isa. xlv. 11. “ *Ask me of THINGS TO COME concerning my sons, and concerning the works of my hands, COMMAND you me.*

“ The Lord is earnest with his people, to enquire into the season of the accomplishment of his great intendments for the good of his church, when as yet they are afar off; how much more when they are nigh at hand, even at the doors? *Whoso is wise, and will ponder these things, they shall understand the loving kindness of the Lord, Psal. 107. ult.*

ST. CEZAIRE, BISHOP OF ARLES, in 542, *extracted from a book entitled Liber Mirabilis, printed in Gothic characters, and deposited in the Royal French Library.*

“ The rulers of this kingdom shall become so blind, that it will be left without defenders; the hand of God shall be heavy upon them, and upon all the rich.

“ All the nobles shall be deprived of their estates and dignities.

“ A schism shall spring up in the church of God; there shall be two spouses, the one true, and the other adulterous.

“ The legitimate spouse shall be put to flight; there shall be a great carnage, and as great an effusion of blood, as in the time of the Gentiles: the universal church, and the whole world shall deplore the ruin and the capture of that most celebrated city, the capital and the mistress of France; the altars and the temples shall be destroyed: the holy virgins, after experiencing many outrages, shall fly from their monasteries; the pastors of the church shall abandon their pulpits; the church herself shall be despoiled of all her temporalities.

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“ But at length, the black eagle and the lion shall arrive from a far country.

“ Woe to thee, city of opulence ! thou shalt rejoice at first, but thy end shall come.

“ Woe to thee, city of philosophy ! thou shalt be forced to submit.

“ A king in captivity, and humbled even to confusion, shall at length recover his crown of lilies, and destroy the children of Brutus *****.”

This extract has been verified at the royal library, where the original is deposited.

A New System of the APOCALYPSE, 1685.

Rev. xi. 11, 12, 13.

“ ’Tis said, that the witnesses *heard a great voice from heaven, saying, come up hither ; and that they ascended in a cloud.* I am much deceived, if this doth not signify, that God, who is the master of hearts, shall change the heart of the King, and of his Council, and that we shall see a Revolution in *France*. As it is the *King of France* who contributed most to the glory of the Papacy, so it shall be the *King of France* that shall contribute most to his ruin.

“ Some will doubtless ask, what reason I have to understand *France*, rather than any other kingdom, by this tenth part of the city, which is to fall after the earthquake ? My reason is this---I presuppose that the city here spoken of is Babylon, or the papal empire, or the Romish church, which is the empire of Antichrist. This truth we have already proved. I presuppose that *France* is one of the ten horns of the beast ; one of the ten kingdoms that were to be formed out of the ruins of the Roman Empire, according to Daniel, and which was to begin at the same time with the beast, according to St. John, that is, to begin

gin with the papal empire. This is evident in History. I presuppose *France* is one street, and one part of the city, (*i. e.*) of the papal kingdom. Nor can any deny but that the Gallican church, or the church of *France*, stiles itself by the title of the Catholic Apostolic Roman church; that the Pope reigns there over what is called spiritual; that he hath there his ministers and agents; that he receiveth Annates from thence; and that there is no Archbishop or Bishop in *France*, but who receives his mission and authority from the Pope. I suppose that *France* is the most beautiful and glorious kingdom of all those kingdoms which are tributary to the Pope. They do so account it, by calling the *King of France* the most christian King, and the eldest son of the church. And it is worthy of remark, that even in St. John's time, *France* was by way of excellency stiled the Province, because of all the provinces of the Roman empire, *France*, which was then called Gaul, was the best and the most powerful.

“Tis said, that the tenth part of the city shall fall. This may at the first view appear a dreadful prediction against *France*. But yet it is not so. For we must observe, that this threatening, is not as it would at first seem, denounced against the tenth part of the city, but against the city itself. Whereas *France* itself will increase both its strength and glory, by that falling off and withdrawing.

“The first event, is the death of seven thousand names of men; which is a figure, when seven thousand names, of men are put for seven thousand men of name, that is, of quality, reputation, and dignity. The men of name are, doubtless, the Doctors, Clergy, &c. of *France*; or else persons of quality, who are distinguished from others by their birth and by their honour.

“There shall be no more of that kind of Doctors who are distinguished by their societies and fraternities, no more Monks, no more Jesuits, and it may be, no more Archbishops, no more Abbots, and no more Cardinals in the kingdom.”

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The Parliaments of France are obliged to conceal the strong spirit of liberty, with which they are inflamed, under the mask of loyalty, and of attachment to the monarchy.---They remonstrate with force and elevation against every measure that tends to the prejudice of the provinces they protect. They can go no farther; but they await the moment to strike the blow that shall lay the fabric of despotism in ruins!---When this blow is struck the effects of it will be equal to those of magic: *The cottage will be put on the level with the palace; the peasant with the prince; ranks shall be confounded; titles, distinctions, and birth, shall tumble into an undistinguished heap of confusion; a new moral creation shall strike the view of an admiring universe, and France, like old Rome in her first flights to empire, shall appear with the scepter of universal dominion bourgeoning in her hands.---Out of universal confusion, order shall arise; the great, of nature's creating, will assume their places; and the great, by title and accident, will drop despised into the common mass of the people.*

LORD CHESTERFIELD, 1752-53.

The first squabble in Europe, that I foresee, will be about the Crown of Poland.

Wherever you are, inform yourself minutely of, and attend particularly to, the affairs of France; they grow serious, and in my opinion will grow more and more so every day.

They tell the King (speaking of France) very respectfully, that in a certain case, which they should think it criminal to suppose, they would not obey him. This hath a tendency to what we call here revolution principles. I do not know what the Lord's anointed, his vicegerent upon earth, divinely appointed by him, and accountable to none but him for his actions, will either think or do, upon these symptoms of reason and good sense which seem to be breaking out all over France: but this I foresee, that before the *end of this century*, the trade
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of both King and Priest will not be half so good a one as it has been. Du Clos, in his reflections, hath observed, and very truly, * *qu'il y a un germe de raison qui commence à se développer en France.* A developpement † that must prove fatal to Regal and Papal pretensions. Prudence may, in many cases, recommend an occasional submission to either: but when that ignorance, upon which an implicit faith on both could only be founded, is once removed, God's Vicegerent (meaning the King) and Christ's Vicar (or Clergy) will only be obeyed and believed, as far as what the one orders, and the other says, is conformable to reason and truth.

NOSTRADAMUS, 1555.

French Kingdom thou shalt be much changed,
The Empire is translated in another place,
Thou shalt be put into other Manners and Laws.
The old flame of anger being not yet ceased,
Shall run through France, take this as an oracle,
Houses, Manors, Palaces, Sects, shall be razed.

WILLIAM LILLY, 1645.

As the state of France, &c. now stands, how incredible and improbable a thing do I speak of, or should do, if I should deliver, that a man not yet in action should turn the fate of those kingdoms in a moment.

The Courts of all Princes shall be stricken dead with fear, horror, and amazement; Privy Counsellors shall be trampled down like dirt under our feet.

Here's many old laws and customs to be abrogated; here's many ancient families to be deprived of their inheritances; here's erection of new customs, laws, perhaps a new Government; here's nation against nation, as much plundering at sea as at land; here's one would rise to be greater than his forefathers; ambition deludes him, and death deprives him of all monarchical intents.

* That a bud of reason has begun to break forth in France.

† A breaking out or unfolding.

